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**DELAWARE COUNTY MAN PLEADS TO FALSIFYING MILITARY DECORATIONS**

Philadelphia - United States Attorney Pat Meehan today announced that James Anthony Alleva pleaded guilty in federal court to charges of altering a military discharge certificate, unauthorized wearing of military medals or decorations, and falsely representing himself as having been awarded decorations and medals he was never awarded. Alleva admitted to falsifying a certificate of discharge by adding awards that included the Silver Star Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart Medal, Parachute Jump Wings, and SCUBA badge.

“To misrepresent the level of the military awards you have received is an insult to those veterans who have attained those awards honorably,” said Meehan.

**INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT**

NAME	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
JAMES ANTHONY ALLEVA	54

Alleva was immediately sentenced by Chief Magistrate Judge Thomas J. Rueter to six months probation.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jose R. Arteaga.

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